check with a approved examiner instructor in actual weather. All existing captains must also undergo similar training and checks within a stipulated time-frame.

11. The Committee having gone through the details of the weather briefing made available to the pilot before departure feels that the meteorological briefing at airports needs considerable improvement. The infrared and visible satellite pictures by themselves do not give the precise picture, but when the two are compared and plotted together on a single chart by the met officer will give a more accurate representation of the prevailing weather conditions. The satellite pictures are on a black and white monitor wihout a back up and imageries are available every three hours with the delay of one hour. The satellite imageries *vis-a-vis* a route forecast is more accurate and factual position of weather than a forecast. The Committee therefore recommends that the satellite imageries be made available hourly in colour including imageries from all available sources in adverse weather. A proper briefing on these imageries with trends should be covered by the briefing officer.

Entry of unchecked vehicles into Hyderabad Airport buildings

3645. DR. C. NARAYANA REDDY: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that a large number of unchecked vehicles are allowed just adjacent to airport building in Hyderabad;

(b) if so, whether it is a security hazard; and

(c) the steps proposed to be taken by Government to ensure security of the airport?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) and (b) All vehicles entering the operation area of Hyderabad Airport are thoroughly checked. Passengers' and visitors' vehicles which are parked in the designated car parking area, adjacent to Terminal Building, are monitored by Traffic Police and CISF and unattended vehicles parked therein, are towed away. Further Airports Authority of India is in the process of

relocating the car parking area, as the present "premium car parking area" is very close to the airport and could prove a security hazard.

(c) Security at all airports in the country, including that of Hyderabad Airport, is provided as per the national civil aviation security programme in accordance with the guidelines issued by ICAO. The security arrangements of the airport are constantly reviewed by way of inspections, surprise checks etc.

Airport experiences

3646. SHRI K. RAMA MOHANA RAO: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government's attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in Indian Express dated 29th March, 2002 captioned "Airport: the great Indian experience";

(b) if so, what is Government's reaction thereto; and

(c) the action proposed to be taken to improve the condition?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION (SHRI SYED SHAHNAWAZ HUSSAIN): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) There are sufficient number of local pre-paid taxis outside the airports and there are no complaints of pre-paid taxi drivers fleecing passengers. Efforts are also made to provide suitable facilities for passengers to get into or out of their own cars, keeping the security requirements in view. Airlines have been asked not to offload baggage of a flight on 2 conveyor belts. The present length of conveyor belts are being increased to facilitate expeditious baggage delivery. All facilities are checked and maintained by the engineering staff on a regular basis. Airports Authority of India is regularly requesting the State Government of Maharashtra for removal of slums/encroachments around Mumbai Airport. The cleaning staff has also been tasked to maintain high standards of cleanliness, including cleaning of any *pan* stains in passenger terminals, and ensure availability of tissue paper in toilets. Restaurants at airports are